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SUBJ: TEXTILES: ARTICLE 4 CONSULTATIONS ON WOOL

AND MAN-MADE TEXTILES

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT AGREES TO OUR PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTATIONS ON ROMANIAN WOOL AND MAN-MADE TEXTILE EXPORTS TO U.S. ROMANIANS COUNTER-PROPOSE, HOWEVER, THAT CONSULTATIONS BE HELD IN BUCHAREST AND THAT FOUNDATION BE LAID BY PRIOR USG PROVISION OF DATA DEMONSTRATING INJURY TO U.S. ECONOMY. END SUMMARY.

2. MFT DIRECTOR NICOLAE DUMITRESCU USED OCCASION OF E/C COUNSELOR'S REPRESENTATION ON ANOTHER TOPIC (BUCHAREST 5452) TO INFORM EMBASSY OF GOR RESPONSE TO OUR AUGUST AIDE-MEMOIRE ON ROMANIAN WOOL AND MAN-MADE TEXTILE EXPORTS. EXCUSING DELAY IN RESPONSE ON GROUNDS THAT MFT ONLY RECENTLY RECEIVED TEXT OF AIDE-MEMOIRE (EMBASSY HAD FURNISHED DUPLICATE COPY OVER THREE WEEKS AGO WHICH WAS EVIDENTLY LOST), DUMITRESCU SAID ROMANIA WAS, OF COURSE, PREPARED TO ACCED TO USG REQUEST. SINCE, HOWEVER, WE ARE

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DEMANDEUR, ROMANIA ASKED THAT CONSULTATIONS BE HELD

IN BUCHAREST. FROM ROMANIAN STANDPOINT CONVENIENT TIMING FOR CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE DURING NOVEMBER U.S.-ROMANIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION MEETING, WHEN WORKING GROUP COULD BE ESTABLISHED TO EXAMINE SITUATION AND REPORT FINDINGS TO FULL COMMISSION.

3. TO ENSURE MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION DUMITRESCU REQUESTS THAT USG PROVIDE DATA WELL PRIOR TO CONSULTATIONS ON LEVEL OF ROMANIAN EXPORTS BY INDIVIDUAL CATEGORIES AND INJURY CAUSED TO U.S. TEXTILE INDUSTRY BY THOSE EXPORTS. HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT IN SPIRIT OF ARTICLE 3 AND ANNEX 1 OF BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT BOTH SIDES WOULD CONCLUDE THAT MODEST LEVEL OF ROMANIAN WOOL AND MAN-MADE TEXTILE EXPORTS TO U.S. DID NOT RPT NOT POSE RISK OF MARKET DISRUPTION.

4. IN CONTEXT OF DISCUSSION E/C COUNSELOR ASKED ABOUT PROGRESS OF ROMANIAN DISCUSSIONS WITH EC ON TEXTILE AGREEMENT. DUMITRESCU INDICATED THAT NO AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED BUT THAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN ACHIEVED. CERTAIN UNSPECIFIED FEATURES OF EC OFFER WERE, HE CLAIMED, MORE LIBERAL THAN U.S. PROVISIONS. BASIC DIVERGENCE STILL EXISTED ON QUANTITATIVE LEVELS, BUT, IN SWIPE AT U.S.-ROMANIAN BILATERAL, DUMITRESCU REMARKED THAT 10 PERCENT INCREASE IN ROMANIAN EXPORTS TO EC WOULD YIELD GREATER BENEFIT THAN LARGER PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN QUOTAS WE ACCORDED.

5. WE UNDERSTAND ROMANIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS MADE OR, AT ANY RATE, BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE PARALLEL REPRESENTATION TO DEPARTMENT.

6. COMMENT: FROM EARLIER CONVERSATION WITH MFT DESK OFFICER FOR U.S. (ACHIM) WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT ROMANIANS ARE CONCERNED THAT RESTRICTIONS WILL BE IMPOSED BEFORE THEY HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH VIABLE EXPORT BASE. IF TRUE, THIS WOULD TEND TO EXPLAIN APPARENT ROMANIAN EFFORT TO PLAY FOR TIME.
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7. IF DEPARTMENT ANTICIPATES THAT CONSULTATION WILL PRODUCE SERIOUS DISAGREEMENT AND RESULTANT UNILATERAL ACTION ON OUR PART, WE WOULD HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT ROMANIAN-PROPOSED TIMING AND VENUE. WE THINK IT WOULD BE MOST UNFORTUNATE IF TEXTILE DISPUTE WERE TO DAMPEN WHAT WE TRUST WILL BE POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ATMOSPHERE OF COMMISSION

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